

# PROJECT PUTNAM

QUARTERLY REPORT

October 2018  
Congressman Ted S. Yoho, DVM

# DEAR FRIENDS,

I am overwhelmed by the encouragement, development, and community within Project Putnam over the past three quarters. We have witnessed Project Putnam become a reality of hope and progress. My team and I are very thankful for each person involved in this project. We are excited to keep moving forward.

Project Putnam is a three-year economic development plan to improve the economic, social, educational and overall development of Putnam County. With your participation, support, and input we can continue to improve the economic, educational and residential livelihood of the Putnam County community. Our plan consists of five main pillars: Recovery, Stability, Growth, Accountability, and Engagement.

If you haven't read about these pillars, I encourage you to continue reading this report and visit my website for the full vision of Project Putnam. Using these five pillars effectively, we hope to fulfill and exceed our vision for Project Putnam. Project Putnam would not be possible without the steadfast support, sacrifice, and expertise of Putnam County's public servants. The Project Putnam team is made up of determined, hardworking leaders working toward a better future. I am increasingly inspired by the achievements of our county administrators, city commissioners, managers, Sheriff's offices, superintendents, school board members, and social workers. Over the past nine months, Putnam County's crime rates have dropped significantly, our graduation rates have exceeded expectations, and we are continuing to secure funding for a number of infrastructure, industry, and community rebuilding projects. I have unending admiration for every school teacher, staff member and serviceman and woman working day in and day out for Project Putnam. I am also grateful for our State representatives, Senator Keith Perry and Representative Bobby Payne, for their unending support for Project Putnam and the Putnam County community. Our vision is to create a stable, growing development situation in Putnam County that will foster community, culture, education, and investment. These first three quarters have shown how each individual can make a positive impact in being part of something bigger than themselves.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone who has been a part of Project Putnam. I know that through determination and teamwork, Putnam County has the potential to become a leading community of progress and opportunity. If any of you have questions or comments about these programs, I encourage you to contact our office at 352-505-0838 or visit my website at [Yoho.house.gov](http://Yoho.house.gov).

Sincerely,



Ted S. Yoho, DVM  
Member of Congress

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# FEDERAL UPDATE

## Putnam County Meetings

July 2, 2018

Putnam County's Economic Development joined regional economic development representatives for a meeting with JETRO and the Japanese Consul General for an economic development briefing. JETRO, or the Japan External Trade Organization, is a government-related organization that works to promote mutual trade and investment between Japan and the rest of the world.

July 26, 2018

Congressman Yoho and his staff held a conference call with county officials, the United States Forest Service and citizens that were affected by impassable roads within the Ocala National Forest. The meeting began a series of conversations that brought all parties together to find a solution to the pressing needs of the residents within the Ocala National Forest.

July 27, 2018

Congressman Yoho hosted a full committee meeting to celebrate the first and second quarter results of Project Putnam. During the meeting, we heard from state and local officials, the U.S. Forest Service, and organizations from all over Putnam County.

July 30, 2018

Congressman Yoho toured the Fort Gates Ferry area in Welaka and received an update on hurricane-related damages with Mayor Gordon Sands and citizens of the Welaka community.

Congressman Yoho visited St. Johns Shipbuilders in Palatka to tour the facilities newest projects.

July 31, 2018

Congressman Yoho's team members held a second conference call with state and local officials, the United States Forest Service and citizen that are being affected by damaged roads in the Ocala National Forest. This meeting resulted in several solutions that allowed the county and US Forest Service to work together to repair the damaged areas.

August 7, 2018

Congressman Yoho met with the citizens of Pomona Park at the annual Party in Pomona Park event.

September 10, 2018

Congressman Yoho hosted a Regional Rural Broadband Meeting with state and local officials, electric cooperatives and broadband service providers for a roundtable discussion to find solutions for the increasing need of broadband services in our communities. While we are not there yet, this meeting put us one step closer to accomplishing rural broadband.

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### Army Corp of Engineers

**Potable Water Expansion Project- Federal Point Corridor-** In addition to a letter of support, Rep. Ted Yoho met with the Army Corp of Engineers in Washington D.C. to discuss the modernization effort and the improvement of the water supply system in Putnam County. The goal of this project is to install potable water lines and lift stations to mitigate septic tank flooding near St. Johns River. The request was for \$25 million. It has received congressional approval and is seeking a funding source. The county is seeking inclusion on the 2020 Work Program through the assistance of Congressman Yoho and Senator Rubio's office.

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## Letters of Support

**Hazard Mitigation Grant Program** - Congressman Yoho supports Putnam County's request to seek FEMA funds for St. Johns Avenue Draining Improvements. Due to Hurricane Irma, the roadway experienced extreme flooding. The St. John's Avenue Drainage Improvements project will restore access to critical facilities located along this roadway.

**BUILD grant** - The BUILD Grant is aimed at improving the economic growth and competitiveness of Palatka. Some of the improvements include rebuilding the train platform and canopy, creating a linear park, adding a façade and enhancement to the train station, constructing a bus transfer hub and shelter, building a solar-powered electric car charging station, and adding stormwater and multi-modal parking improvements. New streets will also be built to improve the city. Overall, the hope is that the BUILD grant will lower the unemployment rate and create economic prosperity in the city which currently has 43.2% of its residents living in poverty.

**Social Security Office**- On October 10th, Congressman Yoho signed a letter of support to the Social Security Administration regarding the Putnam County Social Security Office. At the time of the office's consolidation in 2011, the factors included access to other offices and online services. However, Congressman Yoho shares with the Social Security Administration that for many in the county, the commute to nearby offices includes over two hours of drive time and approximately 5,000 people do not have access to the internet. The goal of this letter is to reopen the Social Security office in Palatka so the citizens of Putnam County do not have more undo impediments in receiving all the necessary services within the Putnam County lines.

## Requesting Letters of Support

Our office is happy to assist with letters of support from Congressman Yoho to government and private organizations in Putnam County seeking grant funding and project support. We encourage inquiries to be sent to Congressman Yoho's Deputy Chief of Staff Kat Cammack at [Kat.Cammack@mail.house.gov](mailto:Kat.Cammack@mail.house.gov) or 352-505-0838.

In making your requests, please provide:

- The name of the organization requesting the letter.
- The name and title of the person requesting the letter on behalf of the organization and that person's contact phone and email.
- A deadline date for the letter of support.
- A brief summary of your program including its history, its successes, and how it would benefit the constituents of Congressman Yoho's 3rd Congressional District, the region, etc. Please include any benefits such as job creation, unique aspects, etc.
- The location where the letter of support, once completed, should be sent, such as a mailing address, an email address, or a fax number.



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Dear Acting Commissioner Berryhill:

As a Member of Congress, one of my most important roles is to serve as a facilitator for my constituents; addressing their needs and assisting with federal government services. This includes working with underserved areas in my community, to make sure they are getting the services and resources they need. Recently one of the reoccurring topics of discussion within Florida's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District is the desire to reopen the Putnam County Social Security office, which was consolidated at the end of 2011.

At its time of consolidation, the Putnam County Social Security office was receiving approximately 85 walk-ins a day and 45 phone calls. While this may seem to be an insignificant number for the Social Security Administration, however for a county of 73,464 people- 25,491 of which are either over 65 or under 65 and disabled- this is a significant needed government service. That small number of contacts adds up to 2.5% of eligible Social Security recipients in Putnam county contacting them weekly.

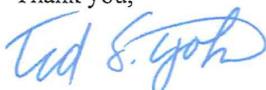
One of the factors in the Consolidation of the Putnam County office was the accessibility of other Social Security offices and Social Security's telephone and online services. From Palatka, the population hub of Putnam County, the four offices the cases were dispersed between average about an hour commute, which means individuals seeking in-person help need to dedicate a significant portion of their day to travelling to, receiving assistance, and travelling from these offices. Additionally, with the lack of public transit between these areas, if a beneficiary does not own their own vehicle, they may not be able to make the trip.

As for ease of online services, Putnam County is still lacking broadband. In fact, approximately 5,000 people in Putnam County do not have access to wired internet services and 16% of Palatka residents are severely limited in internet options. These rural areas often lack the infrastructure necessary for internet service providers to easily provide access to reliable internet, limiting the capacity at which these communities can utilize broadband.

Putnam County has long been underserved and is still one of the poorest areas in Florida, with 27.7% of individuals living below the poverty line in 2017. Additionally, it has an income level below the state average and a 10.4% public housing rate. Having a local Social Security office is necessary as to not to put more undo impediments in the path of it's already disadvantaged citizens.

As we move forward in revitalizing the area, I respectfully ask that you readdress opening a Social Security office for the citizens of Putnam County. I look forward to your prompt and favorable response.

Thank you,



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# STATE UPDATE



Senator Keith Perry



Rep. Bobby Payne

## Updates from the Office of State Senator Keith Perry

### What to Expect in Q4

For the next quarter, Senator Perry will continue to gather information on legislative priorities for Putnam County as the next legislative session nears.

#### Meetings

Senator Perry has been meeting with local officials in Putnam County to hear about 2019 legislative priorities and other possible appropriations projects.

#### Rural Broadband

Senator Perry sent an office representative to Congressman Yoho's Regional Rural Broadband event and is also working with Congressman Yoho's office on broadband initiatives for Putnam County.

## Recap of 2018 State Appropriations

**East Palatka Fire Station Water Expansion.** This project is supported by Senate Appropriation Form 2250 and House Bill 3297. These funds will be used to extend the Putnam County water lines to the new Fire Station in East Palatka. This will provide a potable water source to the new fire station and surrounding residential sites. During last year's budget cycle, Putnam County received \$1 million to build the new Fire Station in East Palatka. Putnam County Board of County Commissioners is currently working on this project. The project was awarded \$850,000 and the county is awaiting funding agreement from the State with an anticipated design to begin this year.

**Communications Equipment Upgrade.** This project was supported by House Bill 3295 and State Senate's last legislative session. These funds will upgrade the Putnam Safety Radio System by procuring new dispatch consoles and integration services. The project was awarded \$790,232 and the county is awaiting funding agreements and drafting RFP for a Communication System consultant to assist with planning and procurement of new dispatch consoles and systems integration services.

**Putnam County School District Advanced Manufacturing.** This project was supported by Senate Appropriation Form 2316 and House Bill 3271. These funds will assist in preparing for technical and vocational skills for local industry jobs. The funds are to purchase equipment and to renovate existing rooms. The project was awarded \$250,000.



# PUTNAM COUNTY UPDATE



County Administrator  
Terry Suggs

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The focused initiatives strive to alleviate problems specific to Putnam County. After the completion of Project Putnam, the goal is that Putnam County will continue to thrive and grow for the benefit of its residents.

## Key Project Updates

**East Palatka Fire Station Potable Water Expansion** – the goal of this project was to extend the Putnam County potable water lines along the S/R 207 Corridor to include a fire station. The request was for \$850,000 which was awarded. The Board of County Commissioners approved a task order for design and permitting on September 25th.

**Communications Equipment Upgrade (700 MHZ)** – the goal of this project was to update the Public Safety Radio System in a phased approach to a P25 Communication System. The request was for \$790,232 which was awarded. The county has completed the RFP process for a Communication System consultant to assist with planning procurement of the new consoles and system integration services.

**East Putnam Drainage and Flooding Mitigation-** the goal of this project was to mitigate 17 miles of drainage canals/ditches to enhance the stormwater system and significantly reduce flooding. The request was for \$800,000 and it was not awarded. The county will seek state appropriations for this project in the next appropriation cycle.

**Multi-Use Education and Livestock Facility-** the goal of this project was to provide a facility for youth and agriculture education, large animal shelter during storm events and an upgrade to fairgrounds. The request was for \$290,000 and it was not awarded. The Putnam County Fair Association has located funding and is in the process of demolishing and reconstruction.

**Animal Shelter Facility-** the goal of this project is to replace the shelter damaged during Hurricane Irma and house pet adoption and spay neuter program. The county requested an appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 which was not awarded. They worked to acquire a private/public partnership which allowed them to select a site. By July 2018, soil borings have been taken, design discussions are underway and the county anticipates construction to begin this year. They are now working with the Water Management District on a conservation easement.

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## St. Johns River Management District

**Waste Water Expansion Project- Paradise Point to Gilbert Road –** The goal of this project is to install wastewater lines and lift stations to mitigate septic tank flooding near the St. Johns River. The request was for \$2 million and it was awarded. The majority of the force main is installed. The project is 70% complete.

**Wastewater Expansion Project- Pico Road and Elsie Drive –** The goal of this project was to install water lines and lift stations to mitigate septic tank flooding near the St. Johns River. The request was for \$462,304 and it was awarded. The county is finalizing funding agreement with the St. Johns River Water Management District and anticipates design commencement this year. At the end of the third quarter, the county is still awaiting an agreement.

**Wastewater Expansion Project – Horse Landing Road-** The goal of this project was to install water lines and lift stations to mitigate septic tank flooding near the St. Johns River. The request was for \$656,996 and it was awarded. The county is finalizing funding agreement with St. Johns River Water Management District and anticipates design commencement this year. At the end of the third quarter, the county is still awaiting an agreement.

**Pico Road and Elsie Drive Wastewater Expansion Project-** the goal of this project was to install wastewater lines and lift stations to mitigate septic tank flooding near St. Johns River. The request was for \$750,000 and it was awarded through the St. Johns River Water Management District.

## USDA

**East Palatka Potable Water Expansion-** The goal of this project is to foster economic development and positively impact the environment. The request was for \$2.5 million. The project has been designed, permitted and now awaits a funding source.

**Dunns Creek Potable Water Expansion-**The goal of this project is to foster economic development and positively impact the environment. The request was for \$4.5 million.

## U.S. Army Corp of Engineers

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Mayor  
Joseph Svingala



Town Clerk  
Joan O'Connor

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## Key Project Updates

**Florida Recreational Development Assistance Programs** - The Town of Pomona Park is working on an application for two FRDAP (Florida Recreational Development Assistance Programs) to submit next quarter for two of our parks.

- **Middleton Beach** - Town of Pomona Park wants to update the Middleton Beach playground area with new park benches and updated bathrooms. The playground area needs all the wood replaced at the three picnic tables as well as more benches around the park. The playground equipment and the Pavilion need updates and expansion. The bathrooms have been recently upgraded but will now be painted and new lighting will be added to the women's restroom. They will also upgrade and add a couple more grills at the Pavillion picnic area.
- **Mayor John C. Bergquist, Jr. Park** - Our goal for the Mayor John C. Bergquist, Jr. Park is to paint the swing set, add new seats on the teeter totter, and add more benches around kids basketball area. The Town of Pomona also wants to update and expand the bathrooms to make them ADA compliant.

**Community Development Building Grant** - They are also working on applying for a CDBG Grant (Community Development Building Grant). The goal of this grant money would be to put sidewalks in on East and West Main (308B). In addition to the sidewalks, they would like to replace the current walking pier down to the gazebo with Trex or something similar.

**Drainage Pipe under 308B** - Further, they are working with the county to get drainage pipes (culvert) under 308B cleared out. Once this is done, they will flush out all the culverts that feed through/under 308B into an overflow.

**Pomona Park Town Hall** - The Town Hall will be fully renovated in October 2018, updating from the current 1950's interior.



# Putnam County Sheriff's Office Updates



Putnam County Sheriff "Gator" Deloach

During Quarter 3, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office has implemented several programs to help the department as a whole, secure crime reduction grants and to protect the community of Putnam County.

## Key Project Updates

**Programs Implemented by Putnam County Law Enforcement include the following:**

The introduction of an ankle monitoring program for prolific domestic violence and other violent offenders who are on conditional release from custody.

The addition of recidivism prevention programs that focus on employability skills, anger management, parenting skills, improved mental health treatment, and expanded substance abuse programs that are faith-based and clinical

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## Current Grants

**Department of Justice JAG Program** - The JAG Program provides critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution, crime prevention, education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, technology improvement, and crime victim and witness initiatives and mental health programs.

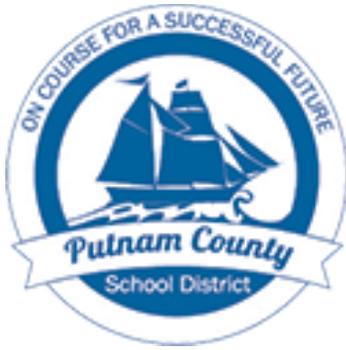
**Department of Justice - Bullet Proof Vest Program** - U.S. Department of Justice initiative designed to provide armor vests to law enforcement officers.

**Drug Enforcement Agency Task Force** - The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is charged with the enforcement of the Controlled Substances Act as well as investigation of the highest level of domestic and international narcotics traffickers. With the direct cooperation of our state and local partners, the creation of the Task Force Program is one of the most productive ways that DEA enforces these laws.

**HEROS- Narcan** - The purpose of this program is to reduce the number of drug/opioid overdose-related deaths and adverse events by providing emergency responders with the appropriate pharmaceutical resources to address this crisis. The department has developed a simple award program for emergency responders to apply to receive emergency opioid antagonists. The department will work with local agencies to make available emergency opioid antagonists through a competitive review process.

**VOCA (Excellence in Sexual and Domestic Violence Grant)** - The federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) provides funding for state and community-based organizations to offer free mental health counseling and a range of other specialized services for crime victims

**VAWA (Excellence in Sexual and Domestic Violence Grant)** - The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) currently administers 25 grant programs authorized by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 1994 and subsequent legislation. Four programs are "formula," meaning the enacting legislation specifies how the funds are to be distributed. The remaining programs, including six formerly authorized programs that still have open or active grants, are "discretionary," meaning OVW is responsible for creating program parameters, qualifications, eligibility, and deliverables in accordance with authorizing legislation. These grant programs are designed to develop the nation's capacity to reduce domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by strengthening services to victims and holding offenders accountable.



# COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATES



**Putnam County  
Superintendent Rick Surrency**



**St. Johns River State College  
President Joe Pickens**

## Graduation Rates Increase

### District Graduation Rate Targets and Outcomes

Historical Data 2014-15		Baseline 2015-16	Year 1 2016-17	Year 2 2017-18	Year 3 2018-19	Year 4 2019-20
	Target	60.0%	66.0%	72.0%	76.0%	80.0%
54.9%	Actual	63.6%	54.9%			
	Annual % Change	+8.7%	+8.6%			
	Target Met	✓	✓			
	Growth Since 2014-15	+8.7%	+17.3%			

# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



## LEE CONLEE HOUSE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER

The Lee Conlee House certified center offers emergency shelter to adults and their families facing domestic abuse and violence. The Lee Conlee House (LCH) Domestic Violence Shelter is committed to recognizing and responding to our community's need for comprehensive, multicultural domestic violence services. We understand that domestic violence in its fullest scope impacts primary victims, family members, society and future generations. With this in mind, it is our goal to stop the campaign of violence by providing crisis intervention, emergency shelter, advocacy, treatment, prevention, and education through the establishment of community partnerships.



LCH IS A  
CERTIFIED  
DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE CENTER IN  
PUTNAM COUNTY

### Services Provided

- Emergency shelter
- Crisis hotline
- Legal advocacy
- Children's programming
- Education and training
- Counseling and support groups
- Community awareness and intervention
- Violence prevention education and services
- LCH is an active member of the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (FCADV).

### Projects and Programs

Lee Conlee House has written for and received federal funding from the Department of Children and Families and Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), additional federal funding is passed through to us via the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (FCADV). The state funding we receive is also passed through to us via the FCADV.

LCH received Victims of Crime Act funding to upgrade outdated security and fire system to ensure the safety of participants, VOCA funds also allowed us to replace the fencing and install something more secure.

**Upcoming project** –LCH will be receiving a new playground, which is being provided as a volunteer project.

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# PILLAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## GROWTH

The Putnam County School District implemented the graduation initiative in 2016 to strategically improve our school and district graduation rates. The graduation rates have improved 17.3% in two years going from 54.9% in 2015 to 72.5% in 2017.

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## ACCOUNTABILITY

Publishing Quarterly Report

Established tangible goals and initiatives with separate stakeholders and groups

## ENGAGEMENT

Scheduled meetings for the following quarter

Regular communication between partners, elected officials, and administrators

# WHAT TO EXPECT IN Q4

## Project Putnam Vision

### Federal

Plan additional meetings with stakeholders and county/city officials. Continue to garner federal support for key projects within the County. Heavily promote Putnam County as a key area for investment and growth. Address the emergency management communications system that is critically needed for Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement. Finally, continue to garner feedback from the community as to the direction of Project Putnam. Congressman Yoho's office will host another Regional Rural Broadband Meeting to bring affordable, quality broadband to the county.

### State

Continue to support the goals for Putnam County by providing opportunities for economic growth.

### County & Cities

Begin and complete infrastructure projects, and continue to meet with officials that will bring broadband throughout the county.

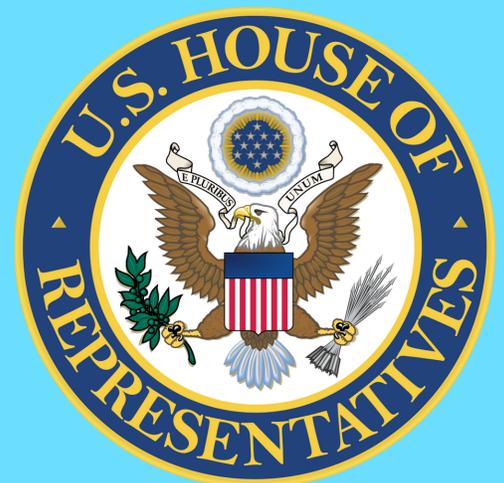
### Schools

STEM opportunities have been expanded across the board with the creation of robotics clubs, a 3D printer club, and increased MakerSpace resources.

A scheduled second meeting of the Education Subcommittee.

### Stakeholders

Continue to grow within Putnam County and help Putnam grow as a whole.



# GET INVOLVED!

Do you have some ideas for Project Putnam? Share them on our website at [Yoho.House.Gov](http://Yoho.House.Gov) or on our Facebook Group page called “Rep. Yoho’s Project Putnam.” Following our website or Facebook page will also keep you updated on events and meetings happening with Project Putnam.

# CONTACT US!



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# Thank you